

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 were originally presented. Claims 1-4, 15-16, and 21 stand rejected on prior art grounds. Claims 5-14 and 17-20 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Therefore, claims 1-4, 15-16 and 21 are cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer, leaving claims 5-14 and 17-20 as all the claims presently pending in the application. Additionally, claim 5 is amended herein so that it includes all of the features of original independent claim 1 and dependent claim 4. Claim 6 is amended herein so that it includes all of the features of original independent claim 1 and dependent claim 4. Claim 11 is amended herein so that it includes all of the features of original independent claim 1. Claim 17 is amended herein so that it includes all of the features of original independent claim 15.

In view of the foregoing amended independent claims 5-6, 11, and 17 are patentable and are now in condition for allowance. Furthermore, dependent claims 27-14, and 18-20 are similarly patentable, not only by virtue of their dependency from a patentable independent claim, but also by virtue of the additional features of the invention they define. Moreover, the Applicants note that all claims are properly supported in the specification and accompanying drawings, and no new matter is being added.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 5-14 and 17-20, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct from the prior art of

record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary. Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Attorney's Deposit Account Number 09-0456.

Respectfully submitted,

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